

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-6, and 8-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2, 4, and 8-12 are amended and claims 1, 3, 7 and 13 are canceled. Claims 5, 6, 8, 9 and 12 have been withdrawn by the Examiner.

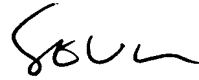
Applicant appreciates the Office Action's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 4, 10 and 11. These claims are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. By this Amendment, claims 2, 4, 10 and 11 are amended to incorporate the features of independent claim 1, thus making these claims independent. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

By this Amendment, withdrawn claims 5, 6, 8, 9 and 12 now depend from independent claims 2 and 4. Accordingly, with the allowance of independent claims 2 and 4, it is respectfully submitted that withdrawn dependent claims 5, 6, 8, 9 and 12 are allowable. It is respectfully requested that the Election of Species Requirement be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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